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REMARKS

No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendments. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 843-6200.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12 has been amended as follows:

The present application also claims priority from U. S. Provisional Applications No. [60/289,948] 60/289,936 for DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING TECHNIQUES FOR IMPROVING AUDIO CLARITY AND INTELLIGIBILITY filed on May 9, 2001, and No. 60/293,684 for DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING TECHNIQUES FOR IMPROVING AUDIO CLARITY AND INTELLIGIBILITY filed on May 25, 2001, the entire disclosures of both of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority claim is hereby made to the following foreign applications for patent, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this application: